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METHOD FOR TREATMENT OF THE SPINE	)	

## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated November 1, 2007, please consider the following amendments and remarks. The two-month early response period for responding to the final Office Action expired on January 1, 2008, which fell on a federal holiday, thereby extending the two-month early response period to January 2, 2008 (the first business day after January 1, 2008). Please charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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